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HOUSE MEMORIAL 105

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A MEMORIAL

REQUESTING THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION TO STUDY THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL RIO GRANDE CROSSINGS FOR MOTOR VEHICLE TRAFFIC IN THE ALBUQUERQUE METROPOLITAN AREA.

WHEREAS, the Albuquerque metropolitan area has experienced a large amount of residential growth on the west side of the Rio Grande; and

WHEREAS, efforts to attract economic development to the Albuquerque area have resulted in new job opportunities on the west side of the Rio Grande, but the majority of jobs and activity centers in the city currently remain on the east side of the Rio Grande; and

WHEREAS, the growth in both residential and economic development sectors on the west side indicates an increase in the amount of motor vehicle traffic moving in both directions

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1 across the Rio Grande; and

2 WHEREAS, current efforts to provide alternatives to
3 individual motor vehicle traffic, such as buses, light rail and
4 bicycle lanes, do not necessarily reduce the traffic crossing
5 the Rio Grande; and

6 WHEREAS, the four main traffic routes across the Rio
7 Grande, Alameda boulevard, Paseo del Norte, Montano boulevard
8 and interstate 40, are not adequate to move efficiently the
9 increased traffic traveling back and forth across the Rio
10 Grande; and

11 WHEREAS, the concept of developing additional traffic
12 crossings over the Rio Grande in the Albuquerque metropolitan
13 area involves issues of location, economics, environmental
14 impact and aesthetics;

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF
16 REPRESENTATIVES OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO that the department
17 of transportation be requested to study the need for and the
18 feasibility of additional motor vehicle traffic crossings over
19 the Rio Grande in the Albuquerque metropolitan area; and

20 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the department of
21 transportation report its findings and conclusions to the
22 appropriate interim legislative committee by November 15, 2007;
23 and

24 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this memorial be
25 transmitted to the secretary of transportation.

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